

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 797

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to commend Miss Brooke Dianah Rodgers for extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Dianah Rodgers is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Armstrong, Chairman of the House Health and Human Resources Committee; Brooke's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in the course of this legislative session, Miss Rodgers has truly exceeded all expectations; Chairman Armstrong's assistant, Tiffany Mason, left on maternity leave, Brooke quickly and adeptly stepped in to take on the immense responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, she has served Chairman Armstrong and the members of the House Health and Human Resources Committee with rare acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rodgers is a 1996 graduate of Ooltewah High School; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly admired by her peers, Brooke has achieved academic success in the Honors College while

majoring in Political Science and English, minoring in Women's Studies and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable tenure at MTSU, Miss Rodgers has been an active and valued member of the student body; and

WHEREAS, she served with probity as the Director of Programming at MTSU's June Anderson Women's Center, Director and Associate Director of the Women's Leadership Conference, Office Assistant of MTSU's Facilities and Services, and Resident Assistant at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, Brooke is also dedicated to the praiseworthy goals of the Tennessee American Council on Education/Women in Higher Education in Tennessee, a member of the June Anderson Women's Center Advisory Board and MTSU President's Commission on the Status of Women, and serves as Communication Chair of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance; and

WHEREAS, she has extensive knowledge through both academics and work experiences in women's studies; she served as co-facilitator at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders/ National Association for Women in Education; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments have been recognized with countless awards and accolades including the Women's Studies Council Scholarship Award, the All-American Scholar Achievement Award, and membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rodgers' sincere interest in politics and government operations is evident in her participation in the Tennessee Youth Legislature where she served as Commissioner of Mental Health on the Governor's Cabinet, as Representative, and as a Lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, she also participated in the Model United Nations and received awards for her spectacular performances including Best Delegate, Best Delegation, and Best Visiting School; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Miss Rodgers has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and staff member; and

WHEREAS, Brooke's tremendous success is a source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her future plans are to attend law school in order to pursue her praiseworthy career goals to be a lawyer and enter into state and national level politics; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Brooke brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rodgers has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Miss Brooke Dianah Rodgers for outstanding service as a legislative intern and staff member and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.